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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH FILM SERIES OPENING

1. D. W. GRIFFITH FILM SERIES OPENED APRIL 12 WITH SHOWINGS OF SIX EARLY GRIFFITH FILMS, INCLUDING "THE HONOR OF HIS FAMILY," "WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH OUR OLD," "ENOCH ARDEN," "THE GIRL AND HER TRUST." PROGRAM LOW-KEY AND TASTEFUL; STUDIO CAMERA, NEWLY-RENOVATED, ART FILM THEATER WITH CAPACITY OF APPROX. 200 ABOUT HALF FULL. GDR MFA REPRESENTED BY BERKEL AND BETTIN OF CULTURAL SECTION AND US DESK OFFICER SIEMENS, PAO RANKING EMBASSY REP. SOME OTHER GDR OFFICIALS AND CULTURAL PERSONALITIES PRESENT, BUT MOST OF SMALL CROWD APPEARED STUDENT-AGED.

2. PROGRAM BEGAN WITH TWENTY-MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT BY WOLFGANG KLAUE, DIRECTOR, GDR FILM ARCHIVES, WELCOMING QUESTS ON BEHALF OF FILM ARCHIVE AND "THE CULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES." NO OTHER SUGGESTION OF OFFICIAL U.S. EMBASSY SPONSORSHIP, ALTHOUGH SPEAKER INDICATED FILMS OBTAINED FROM NY MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, WHICH STAGED GDR FILM SERIES 1975. SPEECH PRAISED GRIFFITH AS A PIONEER ARTIST WHOSE TECHNIQUES INFLUENCED PRACTICALLY ALL OF HIS SUCCESSORS, NOTABLY EISENSTEIN, WHO QUOTED AT LENGTH. NO MENTION OF SOCIAL STATEMENTS CONTAINED

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IN GRIFFITH FILMS.

3. PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 5, WITH SHOWINGS ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS OF EACH WEEK. EMBASSY WILL MONITOR SERIES AND REPORT SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS AS NECESSARY. POLANSKY

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